
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 479

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF PAYMENTS OF ASSESSMENTS AND USER FEES TO THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange's chief executive officer to give the insurance commissioner the name of any health carrier (e.g., insurer) that fails to pay any assessment or user fee the exchange charges. The law allows the exchange to charge assessments or user fees to health carriers capable of offering qualified health plans through the exchange. A qualified health plan is one that is certified as meeting criteria outlined in the federal Affordable Care Act and state law.

The bill allows the commissioner to add a \$25 penalty to a carrier's unpaid exchange assessment or fee and 6% annual interest on both the unpaid amount and penalty. By law, unchanged by the bill, the exchange may already impose unspecified interest and penalties on a health carrier that is late in paying the assessment or fee.

The bill allows a health carrier aggrieved by the commissioner's action to appeal to him within 30 days for a hearing on the matter. The commissioner must hear the appeal within 30 days after receiving the request and, within 45 days after the hearing, affirm, reverse, or modify his previous action. A carrier may appeal the commissioner's final decision to Superior Court.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

BACKGROUND

Related Bills

sSB 11, File 8, which the Insurance and Real Estate Committee reported favorably, explicitly allows the exchange, starting one year

after the bill's passage, to negotiate premiums with health carriers offering or seeking to offer qualified health plans through the exchange.

SB 15, File 181, which the Insurance and Real Estate Committee reported favorably, adds an insurance producer to the exchange's board of directors.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/20/2014)